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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
USINT BAGHDAD  
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
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USMISSION GENEVA  
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
USMISSION NATO  
AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - APRIL 26

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE, FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS  
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR APRIL 26,  
1977:

Q. DO YOU KNOW THE SECRETARY'S CURRENT PLANS FOR GOING  
BACK TO THE MIDDLE EAST?

A. I DON'T HAVE A SCHEDULE FOR THAT YET. I BELIEVE THAT  
THAT REALLY IS STILL GOING TO AWAIT THE FINAL SET OF TALKS  
THAT HE IS HAVING WITH MIDDLE EASTERN LEADERS. AND I  
THINK THAT -- I AM SURE THAT THAT DATE HAS NOT BEEN DETER-  
MINED.

Q. BUT IS HE THINKING IN TERMS OF JUNE AND JULY?

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A. HE IS NOT THINKING IN TERMS OF MAY. THAT IS ABOUT ALL  
I CAN SAY BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW. I THINK IT IS JUST SO CON-  
TINGENT ON AN ANALYSIS OF WHAT EVERYBODY HAS SAID THAT IT

WOULD BE HIGHLY SPECULATIVE OF ME TO EVEN SUGGEST THE  
SUMMER OR THE EARLY FALL OR ANYTHING ELSE.

Q. COULD YOU CONFIRM THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS JUST  
APPROVED THE SALE OF HAWK MISSILES TO SAUDI ARABIA ON A  
COMMERCIAL BASIS WORTH 1.1 BILLION DOLLARS?

A. I AM AFRAID THAT INsofar AS THE DETAILS OF WHAT THE  
PRESIDENT HAS SIGNED OFF ON, ON WHAT WAS A 2.7 BILLION  
DOLLAR SIGN OFF, THAT MY ABILITY TO CONFIRM OR DENY ANY-  
THING IN THAT PACKAGE IS GOING TO HAVE TO AWAIT THE  
NOTIFICATION PERIOD OF SOME TWENTY DAYS AND THAT NOTIFI-  
CATION JUST WENT FORWARD, I THINK, YESTERDAY AND IN ABSENCE  
OF THAT I CANNOT FORMALLY, YOU KNOW, DO ANYTHING ON IT.

IF SOMEBODY UP ON THE HILL WANTS TO LEAK TO YOU, THAT IS  
THEIR BUSINESS.

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